

CLAIMS

Claims 1 through 3 (Cancelled).

4. (Previously Presented) An information apparatus comprising:
user-designated information acquiring means for acquiring sequential user-designated
information which changes in accordance with time at a constant period or cycle, the acquired
sequential information including information regarding selections made by a user;
accuracy setting means for specifying accuracy setting information in response to user
input, said accuracy setting information including a ratio of disclosure of the acquired sequential
information to an external device; and
information notifying means controlled according to the accuracy setting information
specified by the accuracy setting means for transmitting log information which changes in
accordance with time to the external device, said log information being obtained by restricting
acquired sequential information according to the ratio of disclosure, further comprising:
pseudo information generating means configured to generate pseudo user-designated
information composed of the same format as user-designated information, wherein the pseudo
user-designated information comprises at least some content to be regarded as user-designated
information and at least some content that is different from the user-designated information,
wherein a part of the acquired sequential information from the user-designated
information acquiring means is replaced with the pseudo user-designated information according
to the ratio of disclosure to form the log information.

5. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim [1] 4,

further including:

storing means configured to store information, said stored information including at least

one of part of the log information and the accuracy setting information,

wherein the information notifying means is configured to transmit the stored information

to the external device.

6. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim [1] 4,

wherein the user-designated information acquiring means acquires the user-designated

information from external audio-visual (AV) devices respectively having AV function control

means, which are independent of the information processing apparatus.

7. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim [1] 4,

wherein the user-designated information acquiring means acquires user-designated information

from a home appliance independent of the information processing apparatus.

8. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim [1] 4,

wherein a method, for (a) receiving contents information, said contents information comprising

both substantial information and contents selection information for specifying a method of

playing back at least part of the substantial information and (b) playing back of the substantial

information, is determined according to the contents selection information and the sequential

user-designated information.

Claims 9 through 18 (Cancelled).